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SUBJECT: GREEK RE-ENTRY INTO NATO; TURKISH/GREEK RELATIONS

1. DEPT COUNSELOR NIMETZ CALLED IN TURKISH AMBASSADOR
LSENBEL JUNE 30 ON VARIOUS TOPICS (SEPTELS). TOWARD END
OF CONVERSATION NIMETZ REFERRED TO AGREEMENT REACHED
BETWEEN GENERAL HAIG AND GENERAL DAVOS WHICH WOULD EFFEC-
TIVELY RESULT IN GREEK REINTEGRATION INTO NATO MILITARY
STRUCTURE. U.S. SUPPORTED GREEK RE-INTEGRATION WHICH IN
OUR VIEW WAS IN INTEREST OF ALL NATO ALLIES. NIMETZ
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RECALLED THAT GOT HAD EXPRESSED PROBLEMS WITH GREEK RE-
ENTRY IN PAST BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOT WOULD STUDY
PRESENT PROPOSALS SYMPATHETICALLY WHEN MATTER CAME BEFORE
NATO POLITICAL AUTHORITIES. FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, GREEKS
COULD NOT REFER TO PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS AS "PERMANENT"
RE-ENTRY. NIMETZ HOPED THE GOT WOULD VIEW THE PROPOSED
MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH AN OPEN MIND. HE NOTED WE HAD

NOT SEEN GENERAL HAIG'S ASSESSMENT BU: HE HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS SITUATION IN GENERAL TERMS IN RECENT PAST. HAIG WAS IN IZMIR JUNE 30 FOR CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AND PRESUMABLY HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS SITUATION WITH CHIEF TGS EVREN AND OTHERS. NIMETZ STRESSED THAT THERE IS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN GREEK/NATO RELATIONSHIP AND THAT SECRETARY HIMSELF HAS TAKEN STRONG INTEREST IN MATTER.

2. TURNING TO FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN MFA SECRETARIES GENERAL IN ANKARA JULY 4-5, NIMETZ EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TALKS WOULD RESULT IN FORWARD MOVEMENT ON GREEK-TURKISH BILATERAL ISSUES. ESENBEL WAS NOT RPT NOT OPTIMISTIC SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE.

3. REGARDING ALLEGED GREEK MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON AEGEAN ISLANDS (STATE 166003), ESENBEL ASKED WHETHER ANYTHING HAD BEEN DONE SINCE HE RAISED MATTER JUNE 23. NIMETZ TOLD ESENBEL THAT WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE MATTER TO SEE WHAT, IF ANYTHING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS JUNCTURE. WE DID REGARD THIS AS A SERIOUS MATTER AND WERE GENERALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE AEGEAN. NIMET/ EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FROM TACTICAL STANDPOINT, IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS ON THE HILL TO HAVE ISSUE OF GREEK ISLANDS RAISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH EMBARGO ISSUE. ESENBEL AGREED WITH THIS ASSESSMENT, BUT FELT IT WAS THE GREEK SIDE WHICH KEPT RAISING IT WITH CONGRESS. NIMETZ SAID THAT CHANCES
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OF DEALING WITH SUCH ISSUES WOULD BE BETTER IF EMBARGO LIFTED. VANCE

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